# THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA.

**Friday, the 20th January 1961.**

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

### I.—NEW YEAR GREETINGS.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Hon. Members, this is the first time we are meeting in the New Year. So let me wish you all a very happy New Year and everything that is bright and propitious during the year 1961.

### II.—CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF SRI A. KUPPUSWAMY MUDALIAR, A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN : At the commencement of this session, it is my melancholy duty to report to the House the sudden death of Sri A. Kuppuswamy Mudaliar, a Member of this House, on the 5th January 1961.

Born in August 1891, Sri A. Kuppuswamy Mudaliar participated in the freedom struggle as early as 1906–1908 under the leadership of Tilak. He was a staunch and veteran Congressman and participated in all the movements connected with the struggle for Independence from 1921 to 1942 and underwent imprisonment for a total period of about 8 years. He was a Member of the North Arcot District Board from 1937 to 1944 and a Member of the Vellore Municipal Council from 1937 to 1943 and again from 1956 to 1960. He had served the Provincial, District, and Taluk Congress Committees in various capacities. For a time, he was President of the Vellore Town Congress Committee. He was elected to the Legislative Council in April 1960 from the State Legislative Assembly Constituency. During his short period of membership of this august House, he endeared himself to one and all of us by his affability and cordiality. His death has removed a friend and a colleague.

I now move the following Condolence Resolution :—

"This House places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the demise of Sri A. Kuppuswamy Mudaliar, a Member of this House, and conveys its profound sympathy to the members of his bereaved family."

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, I rise to associate the Government with the resolution just now moved by you. Sri Kuppuswamy Mudaliar was a great patriot who dedicated his whole life to the cause of liberation of this country. He was a selfless worker and he suffered throughout his life with that distant vision that one day India will be free and that he would live to see it. God has given him the great satisfaction of seeing that his labours come true.

[Sri R. Venkataraman] [20th January 1961

Sir, Sri Kuppuswamy Mudaliar was a great orator. In those days when very few people could speak in their mother tongue fluently, he used to stir the hearts of men with fiery eloquence. Long, long after he is forgotten, his eloquence will be remembered by the generation who had lived with him. His death is a great loss. In fact he earned the prefix of '*Kodai Idi*' Kuppuswamy Mudali to show that he thundered just like some of the torrential summer thunders. Sir, this House has really lost one of its very able members, and we wish his Soul rest in peace.

DR. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIAR : Mr. Chairman, I wish to associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Hon. the Leader of the House on behalf of all of us sitting here—in fact on behalf of the whole House. The hon. Member was only for a very short time with us. I wish he had been longer with us so that we could have heard his eloquence. I remember the stirring speeches he made, which were reported in some of the papers. I know from friends who had been with him that he was one of the great patriots who kept up the ideals that he loved from the days when he followed in the footsteps of Bala Gangadhara Tilak. I wish to say that his death is a great loss to this House and to our country. I wish to associate myself with the resolution you have moved, Sir, that the sympathy of this House be conveyed to the members of the bereaved family.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I request hon. Members to stand in silence for a few minutes and pass the Resolution unanimously.

The Resolution was passed *nem. con.*, all the Members standing in silence for a few minutes.

### III.—EXPRESSION OF SORROW AT THE DEMISE OF SRI B. BHIMA RAO AND SRI J. KUPPUSWAMI CHOUDARY, FORMER MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have also to announce to the House the death of Sri B. Bhima Rao and Sri J. Kuppuswami Choudary, former Members of the Legislative Council.

Sri B. Bhima Rao was an elected Member of the old Legislative Council from Bellary General Constituency from 1937 to 1951. He was a Member of the Senate of the Madras University for some time and was keenly interested in the co-operative movement.

Sri J. Kuppuswamy Choudary was a Member of the old Legislative Council from 1929 to 1936. He was the President of the District Board, Guntur, for a long time and was connected with a number of social welfare organisations.

We express our sincere sorrow at their demise which I shall convey to the members of their bereaved families.

I now request hon. Members to stand in silence for a few minutes as a mark of respect.

Accordingly, the Members stood in silence for a few minutes.